

## **ISST 3-5-2004 Call Summary**

### **Team members present (P) and not present (NP):**

(P) Brad Colman (team leader) – WFO Seattle  
(P) Peter Manousos (backup team leader) – NCEP/HPC  
(P) Dan Baumgardt – WFO LaCrosse  
(P) Mark Jackson – WFO Salt Lake City  
(P) Steve Keighton – WFO Blacksburg  
(P) Andy Patrick – WFO Corpus Christi  
(P) Eric Stevens – WFO Fairbanks  
(NP) Bill Ward – PRHQ  
(P) Kevin Schrab (facilitator) – OST/PPD/PMB

### **ISST Forum**

#### **Background**

The Forum conference call took place on March 4, 2004 at 2pm EST.

#### **Discussion**

Kevin Schrab will post a brief summary on the ISST page within the next week. The team discussed changing the format to allow questions during the briefing or possibly setting time limits on particular topics. The team will more actively try to get more input on topics for the next Forum.

### **DGEX update**

#### **Background**

Background information on DGEX can be found at:

[http://www.nws.noaa.gov/ost/ifps\\_sst/DGEX.html](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/ost/ifps_sst/DGEX.html)

#### **Discussion**

The DGEX evaluation will take place from March 15, 2004 to April 15, 2004. A coordination call between the ISST, participating WFOs, and Regions will take place on March 10, 2004. The draft short subjective assessment form will be briefed to the participating WFOs and Regions during the above mentioned coordination call. An objective analysis will be performed by NCEP/EMC.

### **Digital Services Forecast Process**

#### **Background**

This is one of the high priority items on the ISST roadmap. The purpose of this entire exercise is to identify science and technical deficiencies in the current forecast process and make recommendations on solutions.

#### **Discussion**

The team discussed what the best approach might be to addressing this issue. The team decided to brainstorm topics that impact the digital services forecast process. I was determined that the team would draft a short list (1-page) of these impact and circulate them to the Regions and field for comment. A short cover document introducing the ISST's involvement on this topic will accompany the list. The idea is to get buy-in to what are the issues that most greatly impact the digital services forecast process (from the scientific point of view). The team will review these 2 draft documents on a future call.